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where it is safe to be  
unpopular."

-- Adlai Ewing Stevenson,  
24th US Vice President

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## Editor's Corner

*"Our elections are free, it's in the results where eventually we pay."*

- Bill Stern

Here we go again. It's time for the SGA Elections and we actually have a race on our hands. All three of the main Executive positions are being contested by at least two nominees. So, that means one thing... you people need to get off your asses and vote!!!

As a student who has been here for seven years I have watched each and every one of the SGA Elections come and go. There have been years where positions are acclaimed and years where the students had to choose. Sometimes the choices have been good, and sometimes the choices have been bad, but it did all come down to the ballot box. That's why the students need to be informed about the nominees for each position.

Every year there are always the two sets of candidate speeches as well as the feature in this issue of Lambda. This feature gives the nominees a small chance to get their ideas out to a wide variety of students. These bios are a good start, but students need to get out to the speeches and ask questions.

Lambda has always kept out of the elections on principle, but this year I feel we need to say a little more about the elections and the candidates. We will not support one candidate over another, but we will let you know a few things that could help you in your decision as to who will hold office.

For those of you who don't know, the SGA positions are paid position and the three executives will make a pretty good wage. These jobs are full and part time jobs where these students will be working for you, the students of the SGA. After you vote them in, it is up to you to make sure they are doing what they said, or working within the rules of the SGA.

Really look at the candidates before you vote for them. Once they are voted in, even if they just sit in their offices doing jack shit

(it's happened before...), they will still be pulling in a pay cheque that comes from the SGA fees that you pay on a yearly basis. SGA positions sometimes become a free ride for students who figure they can slip in on popularity or lies, then ride out the year on the students' dime! You are paying these people, not the school!

Just think about it for a minute. In your yearly fees, a small section of those fees go to the SGA. These SGA fees are broken down into areas (including a small part to Lambda... thanks) and a part of this goes to the day to day running of the SGA. Of course part of this day to day expense is the payroll for the students you have voted into the Executive positions. Now think about where that money comes from again. A lot of the money that is going to be going into the pockets of these students (even the ones who claim that fees and prices are too high) are the pennies you have scraped together over the summer to even be able to return to Laurentian. You have worked hard for that money and it was saved up to better your education, but some of it is going straight into another student's pocket, good or bad. Did you flip burgers, plant trees or take care of a bunch of snot-nosed little children an extra ten hours a week instead of relaxing on the beach just to pay the way of a crap SGA Executive? I don't think so.

And what about those of you who are on OSAP? Think about it this way... you will be paying back your OSAP loans for at least the next ten years, or maybe even longer. Do you want to be making a \$400 a month payment in 2010 knowing that part of each payment you are making was never for your education, but the pay for one of the SGA Executives that you voted in, or didn't vote for because you were too busy or lazy? If you don't get out and make your voice choice,

someone else will for you. You may be sitting around in five or ten years remembering that SGA VP who decided to only book one or two events, then hung out with their friends in their office; or the President who spent more time downloading and chatting on Messenger instead of doing something for the students; or the VP who used the position to further their own militant ways, forgetting the real problems of the students (these profiles are compiled from the last seven years of executives and not the current executive). Their pay cheque comes from your future earnings!

One great way is to look at the issues these students are discussing and ask them questions. They all have their views on things, and it's important to look at them and listen to them to see if you agree. Every one of the candidates this year have chosen their battles, but some may have chosen battles they will never be able to fight or win. Campaign promises are great, but when they are empty promises, or even uninformed promises then you really should ask them as much as you can. SGA positions look great from the outside, and it is even better when the students going into them have high hopes and aspirations, but if they are basing these on things they will never be able to work on or change, then maybe they aren't doing much but trying to voice their personal opinions on a larger scale.

Lambda Publications has never promoted one candidate over another, and I won't do it here, even though this is my own personal editorial, but let me warn some of the voters out there. If you have read, or seen any of the propaganda that is anti-Lambda being distributed by some of the candidates, let me assure that this is based on misinformation. The SGA and Lambda are both autonomous organizations and the SGA Executive has as much to say about

the editorial policies and the day to day running of Lambda as you grandmother does at the liquor store. The SGA can say all they want about us, but in the end they do not, will not and never will run Lambda. If this were the case, Lambda would not be a student newspaper anymore. It would be exactly what a lot of the papers out there are... student government propaganda.

Vote for these students because you believe in them, or because you agree with their views, but if you are going to make your choice because they claim they are going to clean up this paper, you are voting for something that will never happen. To make a difference in Lambda, students need to come to Lambda and write and volunteer, not stand on the outside and complain to people who can't make a difference.

This is what you have to do... find the student who can make a difference, and make it in a good way! Do not just vote for people on name recognition and do not vote on empty promises. Vote in these elections thinking that these people are going to represent you for the next year to the school and the community. Vote in these elections thinking that the name you are checking off is a name that will be living and working from the money you gave to them. And most of all **VOTE FOR THE PERSON WHO CAN JUSTIFY WHY THEY ARE THE BEST FOR THE JOB!** Get all the information on these guys and girls you can. Don't vote blind. Get the info and get the real info. Do everything you can to make an informed decision. Just make sure you do vote...

Mat Thompson  
Editor In Chief

# GET OUT AND VOTE!!!

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# VOTE

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## Incredible Shrinking Planet May Become Liquid Lava World

By Robert Roy Britt  
Senior Science Writer  
Space.com

Orbiting very close to a Sun-like star, a huge, searing-hot planet has been discovered to be rapidly losing mass. It might eventually be stripped entirely of its gas envelope, leaving behind a liquid core of lava.

The discovery was made by noting an extended and fleeing envelope of hydrogen, the first firm detection ever of that basic element in the atmosphere of a planet outside our solar system. Like the tail of a comet, the hydrogen and possibly other substances trail the puffed-up atmosphere, which averages about three times the size of the planet's primary diameter.

At least 10,000 tons of material is lost every second. The planet, named HD209458b, is just 4.4 million miles (7 million kilometers) from its star, or about 100 times closer than Jupiter is to our Sun and even closer than Mercury is to the Sun. It circles the star every 3.5 days in an improbable configuration astronomers have come to call a "hot Jupiter" orbit.

The new study might explain why planets are never found much closer to their stars than this one: They simply don't survive.

### How to destroy a planet

It's not known exactly how the mass loss is proceeding, but several processes are probably at work.

Because of the tight orbit, the star would cause immense tides on the planet that "blow away part of the upper atmosphere," explained Alfred Vidal-Madjar, who led the study out of the Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris. As mass is stripped, the planet loses gravitational prowess, making it easier for more hydrogen to flee.

The planet's atmosphere is thought to be about 18,000 degrees Fahrenheit (10,000 Celsius), which would force the hydrogen to expand in the first place, making it readily available to be blown away by tidal forces. The star's heavy and constant "wind" of charged particles might strip hydrogen, too.

The rate of loss is probably accelerating, Vidal-Madjar told

SPACE.com, though more study is needed to pin down the struggling world's fate.

"The process could become intense enough to blow off the whole atmosphere," he said, leaving behind "a naked solid or liquid core of about 10 times the Earth mass."

That's the core size theorists figure would have been needed to initially attract the gas that built the planet, whose primary diameter is about 1.3 times that of Jupiter. Theorists are not certain, however, whether a giant planet forms by this so-called core-accretion method or if it simply collapses

out of a knot of hydrogen in the disk of debris around a newborn star.

Vidal-Madjar said the core, if one exists and if it is revealed, might be solid but is "more probably liquid or 'lava like.'"

Meanwhile, he estimates that the envelope of departing hydrogen extends in front of the planet the equivalent of the world's primary radius, and extends backward four or five planetary radii.

In addition, there's a fan-shaped tail.

"The atmosphere is heated, the hydrogen escapes the planet's gravitational pull and is pushed away by the starlight, fanning out in a large tail behind the planet -- like that of a comet," said Alain Lecavelier des Etangs, also of the Institut d'Astrophysique.

The study will be detailed in the March issue of the journal *Nature*.

The whole phenomenon is reminiscent of some binary star systems, in which one star -- often a dense neutron star or black hole -- siphons material from a less massive



ESA, Alfred Vidal-Madjar (Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris, CNRS France), NASA

### An Artists Conception of a Planet Fighting a Fiery Burning Hell

companion. But nothing like this has ever been witnessed involving a planet.

### How the study was done...

The planet, discovered in 1999 by a method that notes the gravitational wobble a planet induces on its star, is one of more than 100 worlds so far detected outside our solar system. Because the planet orbits so close to the star and in a favorable edge-on configuration, as viewed from Earth, astronomers have been able to study it in more detail than any other extrasolar planet.

When HD209458b passes in front of its star, called HD209458, it blocks a bit of the starlight reaching Hubble. These so-called transit events, which occur every 3.5 days with this planet, allowed a different group of astronomers in 2001 to find sodium, marking the first detection ever made of an atmosphere of a planet around another star.

Other hot Jupiters have been found in slightly tighter orbits, making a trip around their stars every 3 days. But only one has been

found closer than that, even though closer-in worlds would be the easiest to detect. David Charbonneau of Caltech, who worked on the 2001 discovery of HD209458b's atmosphere, said the new study might suggest a reason why.

"The implication is that planets initially located even closer to their stars would not survive long," Charbonneau writes in an analysis of the study for *Nature*.

Charbonneau said the planet's mass loss may be a trickle or a flood -- the new data are not sharp enough to pin that down. He also said the planet's size and other characteristics had already indicated that it contained hydrogen, which is the most common element in the universe and the chief component of stars. Those qualifications do not diminish the value of the new study, however.

"These new observations are of potentially great importance,

since we are learning directly about the majority constituent of the planet," Charbonneau said in an e-mail interview.

Vidal-Madjar said the wispy, at-risk envelope of gas might contain other gases, which more observations could reveal. Other exiting gases, being heavier than hydrogen, would help reveal the planet's true fate. For now, it's not known whether or not the world is doomed to a lifetime shorter than its host star. Vidal-Madjar's team has put in for more Hubble time to search for escaping carbon, oxygen and possibly nitrogen.

Hubble is a joint project of NASA and the European Space Agency. Astronomers from Switzerland and the United States also participated in the study.

The struggling world is about 150 light-years from our own, meaning that what astronomers see of it now is actually how it existed 150 years ago. Its star is not visible to the naked eye but can be seen with binoculars in the constellation of Pegasus.

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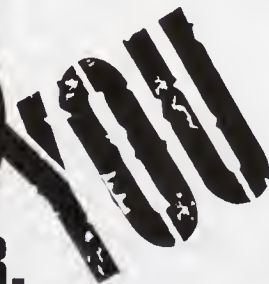
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# SGA Presidential Nominees

## Erika Mieto

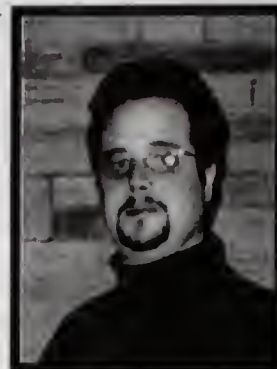
Hey LU! My name is Erika Mieto, and I am running to be your next SGA/AGE President. Currently, I am completing my fourth year at Laurentian in Sociology and Women's Studies. I am prepared for the upcoming role of president given my background involvement with the Laurentian University Student Alumni Association as President and Social Convenor. I have also been involved in a wide variety of activities here at Laurentian – frosh week, the annual LU phoneathon, homecoming, March Break Week, and pub nights... of course.



If elected to SGA/AGE President I will work to ensure effective student leadership in issues with the Laurentian Administration, and its Community Leaders. Next year Laurentian faces the challenge of the double cohort, the SGA/AGE is expecting an additional 1,000 students to our current 3,000 population. I will provide Laurentian students with strong leadership and ensure that issues such as student housing, busing, class sizes, and class schedules meet the needs of the student body. Having spent four years at Laurentian, I have gained the experience and a great deal of knowledge about the institution and its people. I think that it is important to keep you as the students involved and aware of what is happening on and off campus, and if elected, I promise to do my best to keep you informed. So, remember on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> VOTE ERIKA MIETO FOR SGA/AGE PRESIDENT!

## Richard Paquette

Is it just me or is there a certain malaise on campus this year? I mean from the student paper to food services, from the lounges to the unacceptable fees. Does anyone care about the students anymore? I paid over \$4700 this year in tuition alone, roughly \$1000 more than I had paid in 1997 here at Laurentian in my first year. I think it is time for students to do some critical thinking about this institution we attend. The national average for tuition fees was only \$3300.



It seems the overwhelming opinion of staff and students is the student paper no longer reflects the students here on campus. As President of the SGA I promise to ask serious questions of the editorial department and it's basis of authority. I would hope that the regular submissions required of the office of president of the SGA would also prove a moderating effect on the publication. LAMBDA is a student newspaper and should reflect the students both on and off campus.

Is there a reason everything from coffee to pizza, from chips to chocolate bars is sold at an inflated price here on campus? Could it be the corporate monopoly supported by the administration? I also attended the University of Ottawa for three years from 1998 to 2001. They also supported a corporate monopoly on campus; however, the university was in the middle of downtown, with plenty of competition around including a student run general store and coffee shop. These businesses were run in much the same way as the 'Pub Down Under' and offered students variety, competitive prices, and employment.

These are just some of the ideas I have for this campus. The SGA is about more than simply planning social events and solving petty problems. A student association is about improving the lot of all students. We can do this by thinking critically about our surroundings, asking questions and taking action. I encourage all of you to take the time to talk to me during the campaign. You will find my experiences numerous and varied. I look forward to hearing your questions, comments, concerns and your answers.

While at the University of Ottawa, where I received a BA, Music concentration, I served as representative of the Music Students Association to the larger General Arts and Sciences Student Association. I took part in Frosh week activities as a frosh leader, and volunteered in the organization of campus events. While in high school at St Charles College I served as Treasurer and President of the Band Association. This year while studying History, I have been Secretary and founding member of the revived Laurentian New Democratic Association 'LNDA', a member of the Anti Military Action Group 'AMA', a member of the Sudbury Anti War Mobilization 'SAWM', and serve as the youth representative to the Nickel Belt Riding Association of the New Democratic Party of Canada, 'NDP'. I am also a chorister in the Huntington University Choir and the Bel Canto Chorus.

If elected I will work hard to ensure that good things happen at Laurentian next year. Make sure you attend the debates, pick up the campaign literature, and vote in the election. I will use the authority you grant through the ballot box to advocate for a reduction in tuition fees, for editorial reform at LAMBDA, and for an examination of the lack of competition in campus services. I will work hard to ensure that the SGA fulfills its role as a local of the Canadian Federation of Students. I will ensure that events are planned in such a way to be relevant and inclusive to all students. I have seen what goes on at other schools, and it seems to me that not enough happens at this one.

# SGA Vice President Services Nominees

## Reye Lemke

Greetings and Salutations!

Welcome to Election Season! Since I know that all of you have already decided that you WILL vote, now you need to decide for WHOM you will VOTE. And that's where this profile comes in...

I'm a commerce student; a Sudbury resident; a football fan; and a movie-loving gal. I've recently returned to the rock after a few years of traveling, exploring, working and enjoying.

So far, in my time here, I've tried to actively become a part of the university community. I've been the treasurer of a student club (go bouldering!), planned independent study groups (yeah stats!) and represented off-campus students on this year's SGA/AGE council. While attending this year's Women & Leadership workshop, I realized that services are the keys to the individual success of students and to the *fantastic-ness* of the university experience. Being here is about so much more than classes and I want to serve up some of those extras.

In the past, I have worked as the Coordinator of the Northern Lights Festival BorÉal – a music/arts festival in the summer. I spent three years working in Canadian communities providing workshops and planning activities for young adults. While traveling overseas, I worked in a New Zealand hostel and spent the majority of my time organizing events for our guests.

Ask anyone who knows me (shout out to you all!) and they'll likely say that I'm: creative, energetic, determined, responsible, and a consistent achiever. In my view, these words can be justly applied to the Vice-President Services position. It's a job, a very important one, and one that's done with you in mind. When that ballot is in your hands to decide to the future of SGA/AGE Services, *Have Your Say & Vote for Reye!*



## Dan Wilson

On March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> you get to get to vote on who you want to be your representatives on the SGA. My name is Dan Wilson and I want to be one of those representatives but to do that I need your help.



The VP Services has many duties including, heading up committees, aiding the clubs sponsored by the SGA, planning SGA social events, creating the student handbook, act as a liaison with other groups, and sitting on the orientation committee. That's a large scope of duties, all of which I feel suited for. I've sat on the clubs committee, assisted with SGA sponsored events, and acted as the liaison between SSR and the SGA during my time here at LU. But that's only a beginning. I've done many things to prepare me for this task, however if you would like to hear more about my qualifications please feel free to hear me speak with the rest of the candidates on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The SGA is your voice, and I want to be a part of that. So I'm going to try something new, instead of telling you what I think we should do I want you to tell me what you want, and together we will try to figure out what we can do make LU a better place. I have a ton of ideas for things next year, and over the next week I'm going to be around talking to you, telling you my plans and listening to your ideas.

I need your help to make LU and the SGA as good as it can be. I know I won't be able to talk to all of you over the short time I have to campaign so I encourage you to come out to the speeches on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Science II cafeteria and March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall, or to e-mail me at dan\_4\_sga@hotmail.com.

Together I hope we can make next year a great one. Thanks for your time.

Dan Wilson



## SGA Vice Presidential Issues Nominees

### Chas Anselmo

Greetings to all in LAMBDA land,

My name is Chas Anselmo and I want to be your next Vice President – Student Issues.

First, the rap sheets on me. I am currently in my fourth year of study in the Political Science department. During my time at Laurentian, I have made it a priority to be heavily involved in the community around me.

I have filled my time at Laurentian with a Friday night radio show on CKLU as well as serving on various student association executives including the Italian Club, the Political Science Association as well as the Off-Campus association. One of my proudest accomplishments this year came from my involvement with the Laurentian Off-Campus Students Association, for the first time in many years we were able to offer a school wide hockey tournament. Outside the Laurentian University community, I have participated in a variety of workshops that link up our home with the rest of Sudbury. I represented Laurentian University last year on the committee that set up the Welcome Back Block party downtown; an event that can only get bigger and better this upcoming fall.

Why should you vote for me??? I am a MAN OF ACTION. As you read this, I have already begun to investigate how I can improve your time at Laurentian. First, I want and need to hear your concerns. Instead of the traditional approach, I will hold monthly forums where I can hear your opinions/issues/concerns. Next, the double cohort is going to present many different situations to LU and I want to ensure that the transition for you is as smooth as possible. This job requires a great deal of balance and I know that I am fully capable of balancing everything you present to me. We need to focus and make a difference around the university, community, and beyond. This is our university. Together, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Vote for me and start making that difference.

Thank you,  
Chas Anselmo



### Tom Billings

Well as another school year is winding down it is once again time for the SGA elections.

My name is Tom Billings and I am running for the position of VP. Student issues. I am a student organizer and have been involved in the Anti-globalization movement, as well as the fight against poverty, and most recently the struggle against militarization and racism. Unfortunately all of these things affect students today. It is my opinion that the position that I am running for is an activist one and if someone who is not motivated gets elected

we will get a lot of talk but little action like this year. When you go to the ballot box you should choose the person with the most experience. Now I am not arrogant and respect my opponents but I strongly believe that in this situation I am the only candidate that has as many years dealing with the exact issues outlined in the job description, after all who better to work at the SGA which is a local of the Canadian Federation of Students than a sociology student that has taken courses on organized labour and has years of experience in this exact field.

As for my platform I would like to put some standards back into lambda because I am tired of people not only from this campus but other ones laughing at it (for the wrong reasons) I have seen student papers that are actually interesting to read it is possible. I will also work (with your very necessary help) towards not only a tuition freeze but also a roll back since for some reason we are paying more than the average. While dealing with this I would also like to work towards the elimination of sexism, racism, and corporatization, and anything else that hinders a productive learning environment. I know this sounds like a tall order to fill but I am sure that with your help we could make real and effective progress.

I don't know about you but I would rather work for something that I want and not get it than settle and get something else, and we settled last year. If there is one thing to consider when voting, taking everything into account is there any doubt that I won't work the hardest for you? I am already an organizer let me work for you; I promise that I won't let you down. I am an activist not a politician so my promises actually mean something.

If you want drop me a line at [tom\\_for\\_vp@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_for_vp@hotmail.com)



### Scott Ravary

Dear Laurentian Students,

I would first like to introduce myself to all of you who may not know me. My name is Scott Ravary and I am running for the position of V.P. of Student Issues. My past experience in organizing activities and events are what I believe make me an ideal candidate for this position.

Since my first year in university I have held a position on the University of Sudbury Residence Council, from a floor representative to treasurer to president. In my fourth year in University I am a Don (RA) on 1<sup>st</sup> Brown in U of S residence. I have also held a position on the University of Sudbury's Board of Regents, fighting for students' will and rights. These are all positions that have contributed to my leadership skills and organizational abilities.

As for the position of V.P. Student Issues I plan on being the students' voice. I feel it is necessary to promote certain issues that concern the students and to give these my undivided attention. This is not to say that some issues are not worth fighting for, however, those issues that concern students more directly, such as a tuition freeze, are at the top of my agenda.

I thank you for your time and attention, and hope that you will choose the candidate that best reflects your beliefs.

Scott Ravary



## SGA ELECTION CANDIDATE SPEECHES

**Thursday, March 13th,  
2003 at 11:30 in the  
Science Cafeteria  
and  
Monday, March 17th, 2003  
at 11:30 in the Great Hall**



**SGA International Student Commissioner Nominees****Yu Fang****Yang Zhichao**

"EATING IS JUST FOR LIVING, BUT THE LIFE IS NOT JUST FOR EATING"

——— YANG, ZHICHAO

Hi, my name is Yang, Zhichao and I come from the Northeast of P. R. China. I am first year undergraduate student in Commerce and Administration. I will campaign for the position of the International Students Commissioner.

I am a high-spirited man. I like hockey and basketball. I am a faithful fan of Laurentian teams. I enjoy to listening to rock and classic music. Furthermore, Margaret Atwood is my favorite Canadian writer.

I have been in Canada for three years and have collected some experiences to service students. Before entering Laurentian University, I studied in the Bond International College, which is a secondary school for ESL and OAC.

When I came to Canada, I realized that Canada is a multicultural country. As an international student, I would like to communicate with both the native and the international students. In addition to being able to eat Chinese food, often cultural activities should be available. When I first thought about the planning the availability of Chinese food on our campus, what I needed at that time was a way to communicate with alumni, which shows how necessary the commissioner is. Also, a lot of my friends told me that there are couples of good ideas in their minds and they need to talk with someone. The most important thing is an opportunity for them to commutate with SGA and that is why I know how important the position the international commissioner is.

I have worked for the student union for four years in both senior high school and university. Today, I know it's time to me work for our students again, and I will exert all my abilities to offer our students services.

Thanks to the SGA for giving me a chance at providing services to students and I hope everyone votes me.

**SGA Senator****Caitlin Young**

I'll introduce myself. My name is Caitlin Young and I consider myself to be an exuberant twenty year old who enjoys watching the sunset and long romantic walks on the Ramsey Lake shoreline. Oops! Sorry, I just had to remind myself that this isn't a classified ad or one of my fantasies for that matter. Right. Back to business. Since I have been attending Laurentian University (for approximately 7 months now) I can't help but wonder, "What can I do to help???" Yup. That's always on my mind. To make a long story short, I have decided to run for the position of Senator on the SGA so I could finally answer this ever-so-taunting question. Now, taking into consideration I have lots of background experience working with the ideas and innovative works in the concern of education; I think that with your help (of course by voting me in) we can fashion a reputation of this learning institution that will truly display this University's potential. Thank-you so much, and remember "Rome wasn't built in a day", but it all began with an idea and the enthusiasm and spirit to carry the idea out.



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## MAN SUES HIMSELF FOR MAKING HIS LIFE A LIVING HELL!!!

By Doug Vincent  
WeeklyWorldNews.com

BELTON, Tex. -- Randy Burcheon has filed a whopping \$250,000 lawsuit against himself -- for making his life a living hell! "Mr. Burcheon suffers from Multiple Personality Disorder," explains Simon Eggert, Burcheon's attorney. "Five of his six personalities are kind, considerate people.

"But the sixth -- an unemployed, alcoholic bully known as Larry -- is constantly causing trouble and destroying anything good that happens in my client's life. This has been going on for more than 10 years, and it's time for it to stop."

According to Burcheon, Larry's dastardly deeds include:

- \* Sexually harassing his girlfriend.
- \* Yelling obscenities at Burcheon's supervisor during an important business meeting.
- \* Running up thousands of dollars in charges on Burcheon's credit card at area liquor stores and strip joints.

- \* Subscribing to dozens of disgusting German porno magazines.
- \* Writing threatening letters to the President, which resulted in an angry visit from the Secret Service.

"Larry has ruined my life and he should pay for that," says Burcheon, a 35-year-old tax accountant. "Enough is enough!"

However, Larry says the allegations against him are false, and he intends to vigorously defend himself in court.

In fact, he has even gone so far as to hire his own lawyer.

"Randy's lying through his teeth," says Larry.

"I never did any of those things he's accusing me of. Personally, I think he's dragging me to court simply because his girlfriend finds me more attractive than him. He's just plain jealous."

Experts say the suit is a legal first, and they are monitoring it very closely.

"To the best of my knowl-

edge, no one has ever successfully sued himself in a court of law," notes a Dallas-based law scholar who asked not to be identified.

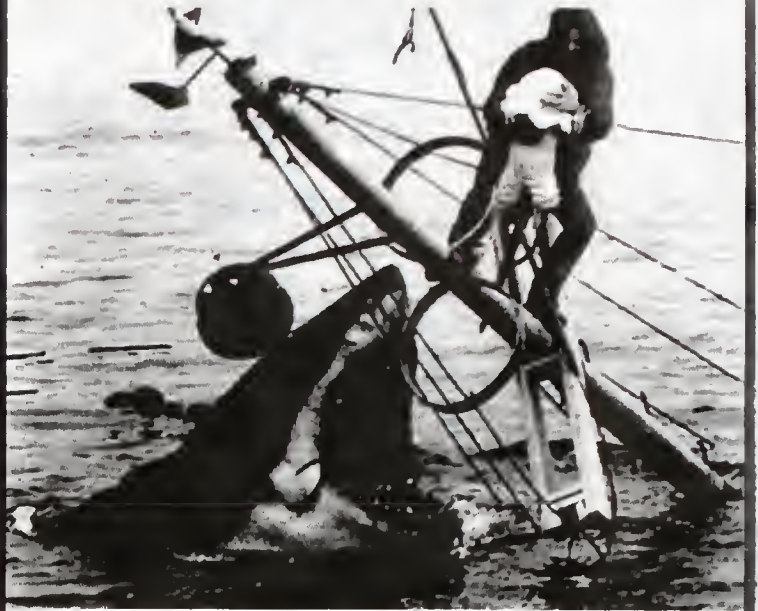
"If Randy Burcheon actually wins this thing, it could have far-reaching legal consequences. Pretty soon, people will be suing themselves over all sorts of silly things. It'll reduce the legal system to chaos."

Despite his client's detractors, Eggert believes they have a solid case. "The law is on our side," he says. "All five of Randy's good personalities have agreed to testify against Larry. We're going to win this hands down, I'm certain of it."

Burcheon is not a wealthy man, so if Randy wins the suit, the settlement would have to come from Larry's insurance policy. Nervous insurance agents are hoping the case gets thrown out of court.

One agent notes, "If it gets through the courts, this would be the first time in history a claim was paid out to a man who filed against himself."

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## China Orders Rolling Stones to Ax Songs from Tour

By Alexa Olesen  
YahooNews.com

BEIJING - The Chinese government has ordered the Rolling Stones to ax four of their best-known hits from their landmark mainland shows next month; a concert organizer said Wednesday.

The band, which is scheduled to perform in Shanghai April 1 and in Beijing April 4, will not be allowed to play "Brown Sugar," "Honky Tonk Women," "Beast of Burden," or "Let's Spend the Night Together," said Chen Jixin head of Beijing Time New Century Entertainment, a concert organizer behind the two China dates.

The four songs, all of which include sexual references, were origi-

nally cut from the mainland release of the band's "40 Licks" compilation album by China's culture ministry, Chen said. "Brown Sugar" refers to an interracial coupling.

The album was released by EMI Records China earlier this year. It was the first Rolling Stones album to legally hit the China market; pirated Stones' CDs are widely available in Shanghai and Beijing.

Chen said she didn't know why the government had banned the four songs. The Chinese Ministry of Culture said no one was immediately available for comment.

Only songs on the officially released "40 Licks" album will be allowed during the China shows,

Chen said.

The mainland set changes will not be the first time the Stones have run afoul of censors.

In 1967, the Rolling Stones appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in the United States to sing "Let's Spend The Night Together." To satisfy censors, Mick Jagger (news) sang "Let's spend some time together."

When asked about the Beijing and Shanghai performance dates in Tokyo last week guitarist Keith Richards (news) said: "It's about time they let us in."

The band first applied to perform in China in the 1970s and was refused permission.

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